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1. AS DEPT WILL OBSERVE (PER REFTTEL) WE STAND ONLY SLIGHT CHANCE OF OBTAINING BLOCKING ONE-THIRD IN PLENARY. WE HAD ONLY 21 NEGATIVE VOTES IN FIFTH COMITE AND 12 ABSTENTIONS. ACCORDING TO OUR COUNT, FURTHER TEN COUNTRIES WHICH HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST INCREASE WERE ABSENT. PAKISTAN, TURKEY URUGUAY AND JAMAICA HAD APPARENTLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST INCREASE BUT IN END SUPPORTED INCREASE. PAST PRECEDENTS SHOW THAT MAJORITY POSITION USUALLY GAINS VOTES IN PLENARY. IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD NEED AT LEAST FIFTEEN ADDITIONAL NEGATIVE VOTERS AND WOULD HAVE TO HOLD CURRENT GROUP OF NEGATIVE VOTERS AND ABSTAINERS TOGETHER WHICH IS NOT BY ANY MEANS CERTAIN.

2. IN STATE'S 270600, DEPARTMENT RESTATED POSITION THAT WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY PAY INCREASE. FOR TACTICAL REASONS HOWEVER WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE SOME DELEGATIONS WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO SHIFT THEIR STAND ON
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PAY INCREASE IF AMENDMENT WERE MADE FROM FLOOR IN PLENARY

TO APPROVE INCREASE OF 3 OR 3 1/2 PERCENT. WE MAY WISH TO TRY FIRST TO GAIN BLOCKING THIRD. IF WE SUCCEED, FALLBACK BY OTHERS TO SMALLER RAISE WOULD THEN APPEAR LIKELY. ON OTHER HAND, IF (AS SEEMS PROBABLE) WE ARE CONVINCED THAT BLOCKING THIRD WILL NOT CARRY, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE ONE DEL TO MOVE AMENDMENT FOR SMALLER RAISE. OUR EFFORTS WOULD BE MORE CREDIBLE IF WE COULD ACCEPT SUCH AN AMENDMENT.

3. FOR ABOVE REASON, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO GIVE US SOME FLEXIBILITY ON THIS MATTER.

4. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO FIFTH COMMITTEE REP, ONE OF COSPONSORS, TOLD ITALIAN DEL THIS MORNING THAT IN HIS OPINION COSPONSORS WOULD ACCEPT COMPROMISE AMENDMENT.
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